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Subpart A—General

§ 8.100 Definitions.

Authorized Classification Society means a recognized classification society that has been delegated the authority to conduct certain functions and certifications on behalf of the Coast Guard.

Class Rules means the standards developed and published by a classification society regarding the design, construction and certification of commercial vessels.

Classed means that a vessel meets the classification society requirements that embody the technical rules, regulations, standards, guidelines and associated surveys and inspections covering the design, construction and through-life compliance of a ship's structure and essential engineering and electrical systems.

Commandant means the Commandant of the Coast Guard.

Delegated Function means a function related to Coast Guard commercial vessel inspection which has been delegated to a classification society. Delegated functions may include issuance of international convention certificates and participation in the Alternate Compliance Program under this part.

Delegated Function Related to General Vessel Safety Assessment means issuance of the SOLAS Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate or issuance of the SOLAS Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate.

Exclusive Surveyor means a person who is employed solely by a classification society and is authorized to conduct vessel surveys. Independent surveyors, hired on a case-by-case basis, or surveyors of another classification society are not considered exclusive surveyors for the performance of delegated functions on behalf of the Coast Guard.

Gross Tons means vessel tonnage measured in accordance with the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969. Vessels not measured by this convention must be measured in accordance with the method utilized by the flag state administration of that vessel.

MARPOL 73/78 means the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, and includes the Convention which means the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, including Protocols I and II and Annexes I, II, and V thereto, including any modification or amendments to the Convention, Protocols or Annexes which have entered into force for the United States.

Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMI) means any person from the civilian or military branch of the Coast Guard designated as such by the Commandant and who, under the superintendence and direction of a Coast Guard District Commander, is in charge of an inspection zone for the performance of duties with respect to the inspection, enforcement, and administration of 46 U.S.C., Revised Statutes, and acts amendatory thereof or

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supplemental thereto, and rules and regulations thereunder.

Recognized Classification Society means the American Bureau of Shipping or other classification society recognized by the Commandant under this part.

SOLAS means International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended.

§ 8.110 Incorporation by reference.

(a) Certain material is incorporated by reference into this subchapter with the approval of the Director of the Federal Register under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR Part 51. To enforce any edition other than that specified in paragraph (b) of this section, the Coast Guard must publish notice of the change in the FEDERAL REGISTER and the material must be available to the public. All material is available for inspection at the U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Design and Engineering Standards, 2100 Second St., SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, or at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202-741-6030, or go to: http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html. All material is available from the sources listed in paragraph (b).

(b) The material incorporated by reference in this subchapter and the sections affected are as follows:

American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)—ABS Plaza, 16855 Northchase Drive, Houston, TX 77060.

Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels, 1996—31.01-3(b), 71.15-5(b), 91.15-5(b)

Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels, 1997—31.01-3(b), 71.15-5(b), 91.15-5(b)

Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels, 1998—31.01-3(b), 71.15-5(b), 91.15-5(b)

Rules for Building and Classing Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, 1998—107.205(b)

U. S. Supplement to ABS Rules for Steel Vessels for Vessels on International Voyages, 21 October 1996—31.01-3(b), 71.15-5(b), 91.15-5(b)

U.S. Supplement to ABS Rules for Steel Vessels for Vessels on International Voyages, 1 August 1997—31.01-3(b), 71.15-5(b), 91.15-5(b)

U.S. Supplement to ABS Rules for Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, 1 June 1998—107.205(b)

American National Standards Institute (ANSI)—11 West 42nd St., New York, NY 10036.

ANSI/ASQC Q9001—1994, Quality Assurance in Design, Development, Production and Servicing, 1994—8.230

Lloyd's Register of Shipping (LR)—100 Leadenhall Street, London EC3A 3BP.

Rules and Regulations for the Classification of Ships, 1998—31.01-3(b), 71.15-5(b), 91.15-5(b)

Lloyd's Register of Shipping Supplemental Requirements, 19 September 1998—31.01-3(b), 71.15-5(b), 91.15-5(b)

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§ 8.120 Reciprocity.

(a) The Commandant may delegate authority to a classification society that has its headquarters in a country other than the United States only to the extent that the flag state administration of that country delegates authority and provides access to the American Bureau of Shipping to inspect, certify and provide related services to vessels flagged by that country. The Commandant will determine reciprocity on a "case-by-case" basis.

(b) In order to demonstrate that the conditions described in paragraph (a) of this section are satisfied, a classification society must provide to the Coast Guard an affidavit, from the government of the country that the classification society is headquartered in, listing the authorities delegated by the flag state administration of that country to the American Bureau of Shipping, and indicating any conditions related to the delegated authority.

(c) The Commandant will not consider an application for authorization to perform a delegated function submitted under this part until the conditions described in paragraph (a) of this section are satisfied. Where simultaneous authorization by a foreign government for ABS is involved, this requirement may be waived.

(d) The Commandant will not evaluate a classification society for recognition until the conditions described in paragraph (a) of this section are satisfied for at least one of the authorized delegations being sought. Where simultaneous recognition by a foreign government for ABS is involved, this requirement may be waived.